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My dear Friend - After your letter had safely
accomplished its third voyage across the Atlantic,
its troubles were not over, for my wife sent it trotting
after me to the wild, brown, black bogs of Doris
with which you are doubtless familiar from my
descriptions of them in my letter to my dear Sir.
I was sent there on a mission by the Friends
Relief Committee, but I had left in my return home
before the letter arrived and so I had to wait some
two days before it came to hand. I exceedingly enjoyed
the letter with which I am occasionally favoured by
your father and my appetite for one with which it
finds me, for the more I sit of them the better I like
them. I entirely agree with you that it was a lament-
table circumstance you were not in Paris when
I was there for then I should have seen you - for you
enjoy the distinction of being that woman of all the
"ladies" that live between Cape Horn & Baker's Street
whom I most wish to meet with. I never enjoyed any
visit since my coming days half so much as that to
Versailles. And no wonder for there I was in the fami-
liar presence of those women whom I have hitherto
highly respected and admired for many years, enjoying
their society without any diminution of the gratification
I had anticipated from their society. It required some
confidence in my part to venture on this enterprise
for I had not such an opinion of myself as to feel
quite sure that they would not begin to think me
a tiresome bore if I followed - and to begin to wish for
my room instead of my company. I sit off as well as

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I expected and you don't think how conceited I am.

As to Dr Harvey's book I will candidly tell you I thought it was twenty to one you neither know nor care anything about marine botany - but it is a pretty little volume, and it is sometimes pleasant for people to have an opportunity of making a show of knowledge they don't possess. I have never enjoyed any occasions for the display of my vast acquirements ^{more} than those on which I have made the greatest show in the smallest crumb of science. For instance I perfectly delight in the recollection of the idea of my attainments in Hebrew with which I inspired a really learned man some years ago, by making a display of the only word I had fully mastered. I am told

that Dr Harvey is very agreeably disappointed with your country. He is less of what he had been led to read than he anticipated - and having a man of very refined feelings and habits he is the very one to be greatly disgusted with the things ~~that~~ ^{that} Mr Rolfe & Dickens give such unpleasant prominence. I presume his associates are chiefly among the literary and scientific class - and he is certainly not likely to be very conspicuous in his acquaintance. The literary men of letters and science are a distinct and exclusive class with us - when the whole structure of society is composed of layers or classes that have almost no social intercourse with each other as you have with that mass of the poor whom you do not see at the antislavery lecture.

About the Anti Slavery Fair I hope that in the same boat with this will go two boxes - one containing Hinton's from Dr La Rue - the other odds and ends from Dublin. I think the whole contains as much of substantial value as the donations of any previous

year. I send you the review of De La Rue with a
statement of the contributions and of my account with
Miss Chapman which you can hand to any prudent
person who knows more about such matters than
myself, to attention and arrange. Any thing for
the health star should be sent in at once to keep
Douglas from suspecting me of robbing him, which
I know would be the very probable result of any
delay. I have a high & increasing opinion of
Frederick's talents, but I think his capacity for sus-
picion is quite equal to any of the rest, just as
they may be. You will see that by far the largest
contribution is Maria Waring. This is all of her own mere
motion and quite independent of any hint or suggestion
of mine. She is extremely generous and yet dis-
crepancy in her bounty. She spends very little of her
income on herself and all the rest on useful &
benevolent objects. A more scrupulously truthful &
conscientious person I never knew - and her influence
on our children has been entirely beneficial in
these respects. She is full of humanity & goodness of
heart. I thought you would like to know these things
about one of your warmest friends - though, to be true,
it is quite possible you know it all already from
previous letters. You will observe that the \$5 is from
Elizabeth Pease who sent me the money for the
purpose of making me a contribution of stationery.
When choosing the articles De La Rue troubles told me
he would send some of these show cards and a
copy of their Trade List. The former you can utilize
if you please - the latter is for your private use in
order that you may regulate by it your hints for
future purchases.

Now all this time I remember that you were half
killed by your labour last year and that the business
was probably in other hands this time for the
preservation of a life is valuable, I should address
myself to somebody else. But besides my igno-
rance of the lady, I would feel it awkward to
write to a stranger and so prefer to address my
testimonies to you. I am glad you have a proper
value for money, and you will rejoice to observe that
I have this time avoided the disagreeable necessity
of shelling any out, by thinking my library shelves
I send you a list of the books with the prices I think
they should bring - but this is merely for your advice
and you can let them go for what you please.
There is also a small quantity of fancy paper which
I will sell as many of the books I got in a bad debt
and so it feels easier to part with them. If you
have the conscience to ask more for the books than
I make I shall be glad - and if you give them for less
I hope to be resigned to the mortification. It is
likely that some of them are not common in N.
Foster's Martyr is by far the most complete edition
of the book - and will serve the purpose of keeping
up some of that No Popery steam which Father
Mathew's presence may have abated. My abhorrence
of Poles is intense and increasing - I think it im-
possible for that priesthood to be other than hostile
liberty, decent, & doubly deadly. All this indignation
has been greatly inflamed by the events of the last
two years in Hungary & Rome - and in Ireland
& all Europe. As to Father M. he is one of the best
of the lot - but I would have been vastly more amazed
by his adherence to abolitionism than by his desertion
of it. James Naughton is a strangely fruitful and